

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of July 17, 2008, applicant cancels the remaining rejected claims (43, 48 and 49) and writes claims 44 – 47 into independent form. With this Amendment, the application is now believed to be in full condition for allowance, inasmuch as all of the pending claims have either been indicated as being allowed or allowable, or are currently withdrawn (subject to rejoinder).

The withdrawn claims that were not dependent upon allowed claims have been cancelled herewith. With regard to withdrawn claims 64 – 72, these claims are all directly or indirectly dependent upon allowed claim 50, and thus should be rejoined at this time. Applicants will submit an appropriate divisional application in due course to prosecute the currently cancelled withdrawn claims.

The cancellation of claims 43, 48 and 49 is without prejudice; Applicants are concurrently filing a continuing application in order to further prosecute these claims.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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